

I am writing to register my objection to the decision by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and is contrary to the principle of balanced reporting when using a public resource.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is therefore obligated by law (and ethically) to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, our local stations are forced to serve the financial or political goals of the distant parent company rather than identify and respond to local issues and needs.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.